



**Hindi Vidya Prachar Samiti's**

**Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College**

**of Arts, Science & Commerce**

**(Autonomous College)**

**Affiliated to**

**UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI**

**Syllabus for the F.Y.B.A**

**Program: B.A. PHILOSOPHY**

**Program Code: RJSUPHI101**

**(CBCS 2018-19)**

**DISTRIBUTION OF TOPICS AND CREDITS**

**F.Y.B.A. PHILOSOPHY SEMESTER I**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Nomenclature</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Topics</b>
RJSUPHI101	Moral Philosophy I	03	<b>Unit 1: Introduction to Moral Philosophy</b> <b>Unit 2: Ethics of Orthodox School of Indian Philosophy</b> <b>Unit 3: The Good Life: Greek Ethics</b> <b>Unit 4: Freedom of Will</b>

**F.Y.B.A. PHILOSOPHY SEMESTER II**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Nomenclature</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Topics</b>
RJSUPHI201	Moral Philosophy I	03	<b>Unit 1: Heterodox School of Indian Philosophy</b> <b>Unit 2: Trends in western Ethics</b> <b>Unit 3: Theories of Punishment</b> <b>Unit 4: professional Ethics</b>

### **F.Y.B.A. Moral Philosophy**

The following syllabus for FYBA titled Moral Philosophy (Semester I & II) proposed to be brought into effect from the academic year 2018-2019

**Objectives of the Course:** The course aims to:

- Familiarize students with significant slices of the history of moral theory from Greek to contemporary times and Vedic Philosophy.
- Inculcate in students a sense of morality based on analytical reasoning rather than dogmatic assertion.
- Provide students with an ethical framework for taking moral decisions in different areas of life.

**Learning Objectives:**

It will encourage students to appreciate the relevance of different moral cultures and out looks in a globalized world and take the ethical decision in different walks of life.

**Class: F.Y.B.A**

**Paper: Moral Philosophy (RJAUPHI101) (CBCS)**

**Semester: I**

**Marks: 60**

**No. of Lectures: 60**

**CREDITS: 3**

#### **Unit 1: Introduction to Moral Philosophy [15 lectures]**

- Definition, nature and scope (branches) of philosophy
- Nature of moral philosophy (facts and values; intrinsic and extrinsic values) and areas of ethics (descriptive ethics and normative ethics)
- Development of Morality - statutory, customary and reflective

#### **Unit 2: Ethics of Orthodox School of Indian Philosophy [15 lectures]**

- Dharma (duty): Philosophy of non-attachment (Nishkamakarma yoga)
- Rta and Rna
- Purusharthas

#### **Unit 3: The Good Life: Greek Ethics [15 lectures]**

- Socratic Ethics: virtue is knowledge
- The Four Virtues: Plato (in the context of *Republic*)
- Aristotle's Ethics of Character

#### **Unit 4: Freedom of Will [15 lectures]**

- Determinism: types of determinism: scientific determinism, religious determinism (i.e. predestination) and fatalism; critical appraisal of determinism
- Indeterminism (i.e. libertarianism): arguments in support of free will; agency theory of freedom; critical appraisal of indeterminism
- Compatibilism: reconciling determinism and freedom

#### **Reference and reading list**

- Shankar, Uma and Pai, Vatsala. Moral Philosophy.
- Sharma Chandradhar. Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy. Motilala Banarsidass Publication, 2000.
- C. Sharma. *Ethical Philosophies of India*
- Jacques Thiroux, *Ethics: Theory and Practice*

**F.Y.B.A. Syllabus Semester I & II**

- James Cornman, Keith Lehrer and George Pappas. *Philosophical Problems and Arguments: An Introduction*
- James Fieser and Norman Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions: Reading and Interactive Guides* (New York/Oxford: OUP, 2005)
- Kedar Nath Tiwari, *Classical Indian Ethical Thought* (Motilal Banarasidas, 1998)
- William Frankena. *Ethics* (Prentice Hall, 1973)
- William Lawhead. *The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach* (Mayfield Publishing Company, 2000)

**Internal Assessment Topics:****Topic for 1<sup>st</sup> Internal:**

Unit I, Unit II and Applied Ethics and Meta Ethics. (MCQ) (Online)

**Topic for 2<sup>nd</sup> Internal:**

Unit III, Unit IV and Ethical Relativism: arguments defending this position; critical evaluation. (MCQ) (Online)

**Examination Pattern for FYBA Semester I (RJAUPHI101) (CBCS)****Internal Assessment Evaluation [40 marks]**

Sr. No	Particulars	Marks
1	MCQ Online	20
2	MCQ Online	20

**Semester End Exam Evaluation [60 marks]**

1. Four compulsory questions shall be asked.
2. Each question shall carry a maximum of 15 marks.
3. Each question will have internal choice.

**Class: F.Y.B.A (RJAUPHI201) (CBCS)****Paper: Moral Philosophy****Semester: II****Marks: 60****No. of Lectures: 60****Unit 1: Heterodox School of Indian Philosophy [15 lectures]**

- (a) Jaina Ethics (Anuvratas, Mahavratas with reference to Three Jewels)
- (b) Buddha Ethics (Four Noble Truths)
- (c) Charvaka Hedonism

**Unit 2: Trends in Western Ethics [ 15 lectures]**

- (a) Psychological Hedonism
- (b) Ethical Utilitarianism: John Stuart Mill: Critique of Jeremy Bentham's view; Greatest Happiness principle, higher and lower pleasures, two sanctions, critical appraisal.
- (c) Deontological Ethics: Immanuel Kant: Categorical Imperative: formula of Universal law and formula of End-in-itself, critical appraisal.

**Unit 3: Theories of Punishment [15 lectures]**

- (a) Retributive theory, critical appraisal
- (b) Deterrent theory and reformatory theory to punishment; critical appraisal
- (c) Capital punishment: retentionists versus abolitionists

**Unit 4: Professional Ethics: [15 lectures]**

- (a) Definition and the need for Professional Ethics
- (b) Business Ethics
- (c) Corporate Social Responsibility

**Internal Assessment Class Test**

**Topic for 1<sup>st</sup> Internal (20 Marks)**

Unit I, Unit II – a & b and Feminist Ethics: Ethics of Care: Carol Gilligan (against the backdrop of Lawrence Kohlberg's 'Stages of Moral Development') (MCQ) (Online)

**Topic for 2<sup>nd</sup> Internal (20 Marks)**

Unit III, Unit IV and Existentialist Ethics: Jean Paul Sartre (MCQ) (Online)

**Reference and reading list**

- Shankar, Uma and Pai, Vatsala. Moral Philosophy.
- Sharma Chandradhar. Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy. Motilala Banarsidass Publication, 2000.
- H.B. Acton (ed.), *The Philosophy of Punishment* (Macmillan, 1969)
- James Fieser and Norman Lillegard, *Philosophical Questions: Reading and Interactive Guides* (New York and Oxford: OUP, 2005)
- James McGlynn & Jules Toner, *Modern Ethical Theories* (New York: Bruce Publishing Company, 1962)
- Jean Paul Sartre, "Existentialism is a Humanism" in Walter Kaufman (ed.), *Existentialism from Dostoyevsky to Sartre* (New American Library -Meridian Book, 1975)
- Jeffery Olen and Vincent Barry, *Applying Ethics* (Wadsworth, 1998)
- Neil Levy, *Sartre* (Oneworld Publications, 2007)
- Norman Bowie & Patricia Werhane, *Management Ethics* (Blackwell Publishing, 2005)
- Richard Norman, *The Moral Philosophers: An Introduction to Ethics* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1983)
- Ted Honderich, *Punishment: The Supposed Justifications* (Penguin Books, 1969)
- William Lawhead, *The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach* (Mayfield Publishing Company, 2000)
- Agalgatti, B. H. and Krishna, S., Business Ethics concept and practices, rev. 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Nirali Prakashan, Pune, 2007.
- Craig E. (Edward) Johnson, *Organizational Ethics: A Practical Approach* Oct 26, 2011
- William H. Shaw and Vincent Barry, *Moral Issues in Business* Jan 1, 2012
- Manual Ethics, William Lillie
- Ethics Today- Harold Titus
- A Manual of Ethics- J. N. Sinha

- Standford of Encyclopedia of Philosophy- A Developed Dynamic reference Work
- Introduction to Management- S.P. Godrej and Jayashree.

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**Examination Pattern for FYBA Semester II (RJAUPHI201) (CBCS)**

**Internal Assessment Evaluation [40 marks]**

Sr. No	Particulars	Marks
1	MCQ Online	20
2	MCQ Online	20

**Semester End Exam Evaluation [60 marks]**

1. Four compulsory questions shall be asked.
2. Each question shall carry a maximum of 15 marks.
3. Each question will have internal choice.

**Additional Exams for Internal Assessment:** Students appearing for 20/20 marks internal assessment shall prepare a project on the above mentioned topics for Internal for Semester I and II. (Without Unit I, II, III & IV for both the semesters respectively)